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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
**Nicolaides et al.**

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Examiner: **R. Akhavan**

For: **Methods for Generating Hypermutable Microbes**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

In response to the Official Action dated **September 10, 2003**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page      of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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